

**Executive Director's Report and Chairman's Report: August 26, 1999**

**1. Call to Order.**

PAT: Call on Debby

**2. Public Comments.**

PAT: This the time on the agenda for public comment on any item NOT on tonight's agenda. Is there any public comment?

**3. Minutes of Last Meeting.**

PAT: Are there any changes or corrections to the draft minutes?  
[Needs MOTION, SECOND and VOICE VOTE.]

**4. Chairman's Report:**

PAT: The next meeting of the Delta Protection Commission is scheduled for Thursday, September 23, 1999 at 6:30 pm in the Jean Harvie Community Center.

I would like to report that the CALFED Policy Committee held its first public meeting on August 12, and the Policy Committee will continue to meet in public in the future. There was the opportunity for public comment on agenda items prior to the consensus vote of the State and federal representatives. I was invited to attend as a member of BDAC, and enjoyed sitting next to Commissioner Broddrick who was representing the Department of Fish and Game. Our staff made a brief statement in support of permit streamlining in the Delta.

The Governor is seeking nominations for the 199 Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards. Nominations are due September 15. Staff will circulate a booklet of information.

**5. Commissioner Comments/Announcements:**

PAT: Are there any Commissioner Comments or Announcements?

**6. Attorney General's Report:**

PAT: Call on Dan Siegel.

7. Executive Director's Report:

PAT: Call on MARGIT.

MARGIT:

In the Packet:

List of LEGACI grants given by the Great Valley Center  
Memo describing CALFED's Near Term Implementation of the CALFED Program.

Passed out at the Meeting:

End of the Year Fiscal Report  
Memo re FY 2000 CALFED projects  
Copy of Letter from PUC re Gas Pipelines

SB 750: Passed all committees; heading to floor of the Assembly; Assemblyman Tom Torlakson to be Assembly floor manager

Bradford Island: [pass around pictures] trying to figure out underwater ownership in Fisherman's Cut; County has tagged and will remove about 200 cars.

CALFED:

\*North Delta Flooding/Solutions: Preparing for early implementation; working on design of flood/ecosystem restoration alternatives  
\*South Delta Bundle: Also preparing for early implementation.  
\*First Public Hearing: Stockton: Next: Antioch on September 8 (flyer distributed at meeting) and Sacramento on September 22.  
\*Delta Levees and Channels Work Group

Lori:

Ecosystem Roundtable  
Watershed Work Group  
Governance Work Group  
Water Quality Work Group

8. Pending Projects Memo:

PAT: Are there any questions or comments about the pending projects memo? For Commission information only; no action.

9. Consideration of Comments on the Revised Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Report for the CALFED Program.

PAT: We are here tonight to consider and possibly adopt comments on the revised draft programmatic EIR for the CALFED program. As staff tells us, the program is ready to go; first phase projects are being refined and defined as we speak. Of vital interest to the Commission: the North, South and West Delta/Yolo Bypass Bundles; the Levee program and the Ecosystem Restoration Program—the land use changes that will result from implementation of these bundles and programs. In addition, the Commission has offered, and been asked by CALFED to provide a forum for public comment on proposed CALFED projects. To date, there is no specific guidance about the Commission's role, and the role for public and local government input into the general CALFED program, or the specific bundles now being developed.

MARGIT: Thank you. In your packet you received three reports for this agenda item. These are basically the same as the material you received at the July meeting. First, a packet which includes:

- the comment letter adopted and sent by the Commission on the first draft EIR—dated May 29, 1998;
- the cover letter attached to comments on the Revised Phase II Report, dated April 1, 1999;
- the Executive Summary of the Revised Draft EIR.

Second, a report which describes a little about the RDEIR as it would impact the Delta—new storage in the Delta, South Delta improvements, dredging for channel enlargement, New diversion near Hood, the new implementation plan, and the new multi-species conservation strategy; and a draft comment letter which starts with the last letter and adds to it and subtracts from it with those changes shown in strike outs italics; only a few changes have been made...those are italic and underlined.

Third, is a "Cleaned up" copy of the comment letter with the strike-outs and underling edited out.

You also received a memo, which describes in general and then in more specific terms, what CALFED proposes to implement in the first seven years following the ROD, and in the first two years of the first seven years.

The CALFED Subcommittee reviewed the draft comment letter: Vice Chair Mello, Commissioner Yates and Commissioner Curry; Commissioner Nottoli was unable to attend. They reviewed the general concepts outlined by staff, and received copies of the draft letter prior to the July Commission meeting.

There have been no comments received by staff since the last meeting—from Commissioners or from the public.

Memo from Bill Curry?

PAT: Are there any questions of staff? (Please hold comments until after the public comments)

PAT: Call on STEVE MELLO, Chair of the CALFED Subcommittee.

Are there any public comments?

Are there any Commissioner comments?

[NOTE: Pat if there is interest in submitted comments on the Implementation Plan; staff can present draft comments at the September meeting; OR can draft a letter based on comments at the August meeting with Chairman's review and approval]

Need direction to staff for any changes, or processing for approving editing;  
MOTION, SECOND and VOICE VOTE.

10. Adjourn.